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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Burchard  
Serial No.: 09/616,849 /  
Filed: July 14, 2000  
For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE  
SPECIFICITY AND SENSITIVITY OF  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR  
HYBRIDIZATION

Confirmation No.: 6450  
Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: Forman, B.J.  
Attorney Docket No.: 9301-044-999

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

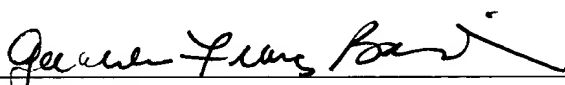
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 7, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for 1 month(s):  
☐ was filed on  
☒ is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
3. ☐ A fee in the amount of \$320.00 is:  
☐ Required.  
☒ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
4. ☐ Applicant has qualified for the 50% reduction in fee for an independent inventor, non-profit organization or small business concern and a fee in the amount of \$160.00 is:  
☐ Required.  
☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
5. ☒ Please charge the required fee, if any, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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